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# Carjacking leaves shock in its wake

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A young woman remains in shock after being robbed of her car at knife point outside a local grocery store last Monday evening in downtown Haliburton.

At 7 p.m., a Haliburton Foodland employee was sitting in her 2008 Ford Focus warming it up when a Haliburton County man, 48, wearing a black bandana ordered her to get out of the vehicle and run. She complied and ran back to the store. The man subsequently drove away, but was arrested without incident by police in Bobcaygeon with another Haliburton County man, 51.

Foodland owner Brad Park, who has contacted the woman's father since, said the perpetrators don't realize the pain they caused.

"I feel bad for her because I don't think these guys realize what they did to her ... as a young person ... in their mind they probably just wanted her car," he said.

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## Ski enthusiasts hit the slopes

A young skier takes a turn on Wednesday, Dec. 30 during the winter holidays at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. The hill as of Wednesday had three runs and three lifts open. It was forced to open later than intended and had to close during part of the holidays due to the warm weather this December. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Brine leak cuts curling club's season short

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Darrell McQuigge jokes that he didn't send in his letter to Santa Claus on time this year.

The vice-president of the Wilberforce Curling Club is cheerful and optimis-

tic despite the fact that on Christmas Eve the doors to the club closed due to a brine leak that could not be fixed.

As a result, the club has had to cut its season short and will not be re-starting curling for the winter season, said McQuigge.

The vice-president points to a very old piping system and mild temperatures in

December that led to a problem with the curling equipment, eventually causing it to fail.

"The club is open but the curling itself is done for the rest of the season," said McQuigge. "I said I couldn't get the letter to Santa early enough to ask for a new rink."

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# County's other clubs agree to host bonspiels for Wilberforce

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While the executive was hoping they could keep the ice running until March, that simply wasn't the case this year.

McQuigge said the club's membership was notified immediately about the status of the club, as well as the executive's plan of action.

Executive members contacted the Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft clubs, looking for help and were offered support immediately.

"We're down but we're not out," said McQuigge. "All three clubs ... there was no hesitation whatsoever ... the timeliness was unbelievable, it blew me away, it was very humbling."

The club was set to host three major bonspiels from now until the end of the season in March, all of which are a large source of revenue for the organization, said the vice-president.

The Jan. 16 mixed bonspiel is now set to take place at the Minden Curling Club, the Feb. 20 Don Fevreau ladies bonspiel will happen at the Bancroft Curling Club and the March 19 men's bonspiel will be at the Haliburton Curling Club. Details on each event will be made known as soon as possible.

As of right now the executive is in discussion with area clubs to try to arrange ice time for their various leagues, said McQuigge.

"We're trying to see what makes sense," he said.

The club executive is meeting with the municipality of Highlands East this week to discuss the future of the curling club, as the building belongs to the municipality.

Along with the municipality, the executive is also meeting with Wilberforce Elementary School to look at options for the popular phys-ed program the club has been running with the students for the past few winters.

"We're going to look at alternatives on how we can still teach the kids the sport and figure a way of getting them to one of the curling clubs to do testing and earn their badge," said McQuigge.

The vice-president says the goal is to have curling up and running again by the fall, possibly by replacing the entire floor.

"The system is 40 years old," he said. "We had leaks in October when we were starting up and we fixed them but the pipe is so brittle you touch it and it just crumbles. We were kind of nurturing it along, hoping it would hold up until the end of March."

Although curling has come to a halt the club is going to keep its doors open, at least for one night of the week.

The plan is to keep the club running as a social hub for the community, said McQuigge.

Currently the curling club has about 54 members.

# Two charged with robbery with a weapon

from page 1

The woman has lived here for a few years and was off from college working shifts during her winter holidays. Park has given her as much time off as needed.

The two area men are charged with robbery with a weapon, possession of property obtained by crime and theft of a motor vehicle. One of the men is also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon. Although the men were not known by the victim, her coworkers were familiar with them, which has made it easier for the staff, who would have found the incident more difficult to understand if it were completely unknown people, Park said.

Park has since implemented a new practice for his staff when leaving work.

When possible he would like staff to go in pairs and if not then to at least have someone "watch and make sure they get in and leave."

The store's outdoor cameras recorded the incident that occurred close to the black fence by the neighbouring retail store. It was still difficult to see everything in the well lit parking lot because of the dark fence, Park said.

Haliburton Highlands detachment OPP Const. Sean Hawley doesn't remember any carjackings in his 19 year career here. He said what the woman did was the right thing in that situation.

"They make cars every day. We can always get another car," he said. "I might suggest ... there is a reason why you should be locking your doors at all times."

News of the carjacking spread on social media and by word of mouth throughout the county.

Hawley did not elaborate on the incident, but did say the two "are known to us."

When asked about the seven-year-old vehicle being an unlikely target of theft, Hawley agreed.

"They were just obviously looking for transportation from here to somewhere. I don't know other than that what their motivation was or what their final destination was," he said.



## Haliburton County Home Builders 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Hockey Tournament For the Food Banks of Haliburton County

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## ATV catches fire

On Dec. 19 Dysart firefighters responded to an ATV that had caught fire at 1061 Listwood Rd. According to a press release from fire chief Miles Maughan, the call came in just after 1 p.m. and when firefighters arrived on scene the side-by-side was fully engulfed in flames.

It took 15 firefighters to put out the fire, which was caused by an electrical short, said Maughan in the release.

"On arrival the ATV was fully involved and heat had broken some windows in the house," wrote Maughan.

The fire chief estimates the incident caused \$14,000 damage to the ATV and \$8,000 to the house.

- Angelica Ingram

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### Walker's gives back

Just before Christmas, Walker's Heating and Cooling donated \$1,000 to SIRCH as part of their charitable giving campaign. From left, Scott and Laura Neilson present the ceremonial cheque to SIRCH's Cammy George, Gena Robertson, Margee Shelly, John Quinlan and Donna Gagnon outside their County Road 21 office. LAURA SMITH Staff



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# FoRT event inspires backyard adventures

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton resident Sean Pennylegion will take people back in time to when the train was king in an upcoming talk presented by Friends of the Rail Trail.

It was during his cycling touring with wife Gwen when they rode their heavily laden touring bicycles on New Zealand's 150 kilometre long Otago Central Rail Trail.

Pennylegion can still hear the cello play and the smell of sausages grilling on the barbecue when he got off the train. The restored wooden train with the tin ceiling, led by a steam engine locomotive, stopped in the small town of Middlemarch where they began their bike tour of the South Island inland trail that had that "Wild West feeling" with its moon-like terrain, sparse vegetation and buildings that time forgot.

After the 70-kilometre train ride, Pennylegion, a vegetarian, asked the griller for another option.

"I walked up to this guy and said, 'Do you have veggie sausages?' The guy looked at me like I was from Mars and he said, 'What would be the point?' And then he said, 'Next,'" laughs Pennylegion.

He will be one of four speakers who rode and walked to a new experience who will share their perspective during the Slow Travel, Local Flavours event at the Lochlin Community Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. presented by Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) in partnership with TAG, the committee developing the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway.

The speakers will not only reveal what they smelled, heard and saw, but what they discovered about the character of the places they visited.

Pennylegion's ride on the non-motorized user trail from Middlemarch to Clyde was part of the couple's four month New Zealand cycling tour – their second in as many years – in January, 2008. They boarded and had their bicycles stowed on the restored train at the "gobsmacking" Dunedin Railway Station in Dunedin, a community south of Christ Church.

The semi-retired Pennylegion, 68, said the trail is mainly flat, includes metal trestle bridges and tunnels which brought them to breathtaking vistas and close to a dozen significant communities where there are outfitters, pubs, boutique hotels



Gwen Pennylegion rides her bicycle on the 150 kilometre long Otago Central Rail Trail in the South Island of New Zealand. Gwen's husband Sean will recount their experience on the trail at the upcoming Slow Travel, Local Flavours event at the Lochlin Community Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. as presented by the Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) in partnership with TAG, the committee developing the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway. Photo courtesy of Sean Pennylegion.

and bed and breakfasts. The New Zealand government invested money in the trail to encourage tourism after the train stopped servicing these communities. It has been vital to keeping these communities alive.

The other speakers are Jewelle Schiedel-Webb, who went on the El Camino de Santiago walk in Spain; Gerry Oxford, who walked the 154 kilometre West Highland Way trail that starts in Milngavie and ends in Fort William, Scotland; and Eric Lehman, who biked the GAP (the Great Allegheny Passage) and the C&O Canal Towpath between Washington D.C. and

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which was the inspiration for the Haliburton event.

FoRT's Pamela Marsales said the speakers' experiences of travelling slowly through landscapes and communities, discovering the character of the places they visited is the essence of slow travel, which is an idea that grew out of the slow food movement.

The event also features a light buffet supper and cash bar. Event organizers have made great effort to include local food providers such as Haliburton Highlands Brewing, who will have a few beers

on tap.

Tickets are \$14 and must be reserved in advance. Space is limited because of the venue (the community centre in Lochlin used to be a one-room schoolhouse).

This event is the first in a series of opportunities to build community around the Haliburton County Rail Trail this year. Sunday Rambles are returning this spring with talks and lunches as "Après" events. FoRT welcomes new and returning members – only \$10, including non-members to events. Contact Pamela at 705-457-4767 or Pamela.Marsales@gmail.com.

## Donation goal within sight for refugee group

The Haliburton Highlands has come together over the last two months donating \$25,000 toward the goal of \$50,000 to bring a family of refugees to the village.

The grassroots group, Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, is overjoyed by the support from Haliburton County residents and is planning a community meeting.

"We are thrilled to have received so many offers of support and funds over

the last two months. Haliburton is a truly giving community," says David Barker, spokesperson for the committee.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, anyone interested in volunteering, donating or hearing more about plans to bring refugees are asked to come to St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, at 7 p.m.

The refugee committee is working with Anglican United Refugee Alliance

(AURA), a charity based in Toronto. The local committee is a non-denominational group with varied membership and all are welcome.

To find out more about the committee or to make a donation, visit [haliburton-refugee.wordpress.com](http://haliburton-refugee.wordpress.com) or email [haliburtonrefugee@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonrefugee@gmail.com). Donations are tax deductible.

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— David Barker, HRSC Spokesperson



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*Staff Reporter*

A few months wasn't enough time to organize the Pond Tourney with Bernie, said its organizer John Teljeur.

Teljeur, the general manager of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre with two years of experience helping organize Haliburton's Canadian Pond Hockey Championships in 2013 and 2014, cited a lack of sponsors and players as reasons for the postponement.

Although he was working hard towards running the event even with the shortfall, it led to a late start that the event couldn't recover from.

"We got a late start to getting this thing going. We were waiting for a couple of key players [sponsors] to jump aboard in the summer and that summer became fall and by the time they declined for this year we decided [in October] ... to push ahead anyway and see if we could save the thing for 2016. So that got us a late start," he said.

The three day event, which offered four divisions: men's open (ages 35 plus), men's recreation (ages 35 plus), women's open division (ages 35 plus) and women's recreation (ages 35 plus), was scheduled for the end of January. It has been postponed to Jan. 27 to 29, 2017.

The event named for former NHLer Bernie Nicholls of West Guilford.

It was going to raise money for local charities and fill the void left behind the second year absence of the Championships, which was held in Huntsville last year after its organizing company, J-Core Marketing was unsuccessful in receiving \$75,000 over three years from Haliburton County.

Bookings for the Bernie event were slow during November and early December. The warm weather during December contributed and with close to 20 teams registered by early December it was a far cry from the expected 40 teams, ideal for the first year of a tournament.

"It is supposed to be a fun event, but people are playing for something so it would have been nice to have upwards of 40 teams to make a real go of it. If you're not going to do it

then don't do it," he said.

Teljeur said the postponement will ensure a better event.

He is open to modifying the event and to give players worthwhile incentives, but wants to continue to emphasize the fun aspect of the tournament.

"I still want to make it a fun event. That's the best part about it, but I also want to have a bit more competition. Going on my experience running [a pond hockey tournament] and being involved in it it's always nice to have a little bit of incentive to compete but at the same time not lose sight [that] it is a fun event and a experience together and just be part of it."

Teljeur hopes it can be a "destination type of event."

One that teams will mark on their calendar for the winter that will not just benefit his resort and the entire community.

"The long range plan for this is to make it back to a community event whether they're staying at the Pinestone or one of the other resorts, or cottage rental agencies. It doesn't make any difference to have them here at the Pinestone. I'd love to have them here at the Pinestone. The biggest challenge is to get them here in Haliburton," he said.

Another idea he is thinking of is to utilize the various large rooms at the Pinestone such as the ballroom or the Heatherwood for theme nights, corresponding to a major sponsor such as Molson/Coors, who along with RPM, had committed to the event.

Unlike the Championships, this first time effort needed to make purchases related to equipment such as nets, and signage, including marketing.

Without two key sponsors, the event was short on time and money.

Teljeur felt a sense of relief after the recent decision to postpone the event in light of the challenges.

In discussions with other organizations and individuals involved, the decision was accepted as best for the event.

"There's lots of time. We'll do it right and let's sit down in late winter and talk about what we're going to do next. I feel a lot better about the fact there is still interest in doing this and there is an opportunity to do this. We're not giving up by any stretch of the imagination," he said.

## Dysart forms economic development committee to draft plan

ANGELICA INGRAM

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*Staff Reporter*

Following months of work towards building a local economic development plan, the municipality has appointed a committee consisting of area community representatives.

The committee includes Reeve Murray Fearrey as ex-officio, Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts, Councillor Tammy Donaldson, Councillor Derek Knowles, Pat Kennedy, Bram Lebo, Glenn Evans, Linda Baumgartner, John Patterson and Aaron Walker.

The first two meetings for the com-

mittee are scheduled to take place on Jan. 11 and Feb. 1, said Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee in an email.

The goal of the committee is to finalize a draft plan to take to council at their February meeting, wrote Wilbee.

"This plan is being developed currently with the help of Judy Coward, our OMAFRA economic development advisor, and is based entirely on the input received from the public sessions," wrote Wilbee.

The CAO said there will be more opportunity for members of the public to get involved with the plan and is excited about the progress the municipality has made and will continue to make.



# Big things in store for HHHS in 2016

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Progress on a palliative care wing, a new telehomecare program and a million dollars.

The past year was a strong one for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the foundation, with more in store for the community in 2016.

With a change in leadership at the end of 2015, HHHS brought in interim CEO and president Carolyn Plummer, who normally holds the role of chief nurse executive and director of patient care, to take helm of the corporation through the changes and challenges that lie ahead.

Plummer has been splitting her time between Toronto and the Highlands since 2000 and is looking forward to a new career opportunity.

With consulting and various health positions under her belt, Plummer has done a lot of strategic planning projects, organizational reviews and some work with the Ministry of Health on structuring the Local Health Integration Networks when first introduced.

Prior to joining the team at HHHS in the fall of last year, Plummer was a member of the board of directors and is looking forward to using her experience to guide the corporation in the year ahead.

One of the large projects underway is plans to build a new palliative care wing, which has been delayed from its original timeline.

Now about halfway through the approval process with the ministry, the hope is to break ground on the palliative wing sometime this spring or summer, said Plummer.

The capital campaign associated with the wing, Making Moments Matter, was launched by the foundation in 2014 and has been extremely successful to date, meaning HHHS is ready to move ahead with the plans as soon as approvals are in place.

One project that was launched last year was the GAIN (geriatric assessment and intervention network) program, which focuses on care for seniors, helping to keep them home longer.

"Things are going very well with that program," said Plummer.

Plummer is proud of the work done with the community, particularly with the launch of a new committee.

"One of the biggest things we've been able to do this year is we've started the community advisory committee, which is part of our board of directors," said the CEO. "That's been a great committee because it's really helping us have a good understanding of what the trends are and what the issues are from the perspective of the community and really having a chance to hear those and be able to act on them and plan our services around what the community really wants to see."

A new program that quietly launched at the end of 2015 called telehomecare, is something that has Plummer excited for 2016, as it helps alleviate hospital pressure by monitoring patients remotely.

"It's specifically directed to people who are living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or congestive heart failure or both," said Plummer. "The idea of the program is patients are given some very, very simple-to-use monitoring equipment in their home. They're given instruction on how to use that, it's all set up for them and then they actually monitor results on a daily basis. They can check their own blood pressure, for example."

Already running in other communities, the program keeps track of the info, which is fed to a nurse working at HHHS who monitors the info on a daily basis.

If something out of the ordinary occurs, the nurse is then sent an alert, who follows up with the patient. Working on a referral basis, the goal is to help patients avoid coming into the hospital.

"It helps the person keep from getting into a crisis situation," said Plummer.

Other highlights from the past year include an expansion of the adult day program, providing emergency medical services for the Pan Am games, launching a community physiotherapy clinic and a successful accreditation process.

Looking ahead the CEO is focusing on

continuing to grow and expand as a rural health care hub.

"Our hope is that at some point in time we'll be able to provide the full range of health-care services throughout a person's life essentially, from beginning to end," she said. "And all different types of healthcare services."

The corporation would not be able to launch programs or purchase equipment needed to provide services if it weren't for the support of the HHHS foundation.

Last year marked another stellar year for the fundraising group, who reached a million dollars for the second year in a row, said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

"I think that is huge for us," she said. "When we started the foundation we thought how much can the foundation raise in a year? ... and we kind of thought if we could raise \$300,000 to 500,000 a year that would help with the needs of the facility."

Started in 1997, the foundation has spearheaded many campaigns including Believe in the Magic of Giving, Cash for Care and the recent Making Moments Matter campaign for the palliative care wing.

"This year the Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign has done really well and we've hit \$100,000," said Walker. "I really think a lot of that had to do with the equipment, it was [going towards] emergency department equipment. Things that people can relate to when they come in here."

Apart from the annual campaigns and special projects, the foundation has seen recent strides in legacy gifts and bequests and estate donations.

Donations of any kind speak to the trust the community places in the foundation and their desire to contribute to health services.

"The hospital's a big part of the commu-



Haliburton Highlands Health Services interim president and CEO Carolyn Plummer is looking forward to the plans in place for the corporation in 2016, which include using a telehomecare program and moving forward with plans for the palliative care wing. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

nity," said Walker. "Although we're not big in terms of size we are a big part of the community."

Walker loves when she gets handwritten notes from donors, speaking to the great care they received from HHHS. The executive director has also seen a lot of new donors lend their support in the past year.

Looking ahead to next year the foundation is already working on special events and campaigns, such as the fourth annual Cash for Care which was launched at the end of 2015 and the start of the palliative care wing.

"We're looking forward to that groundbreaking, that will be a big event for us," said Walker.

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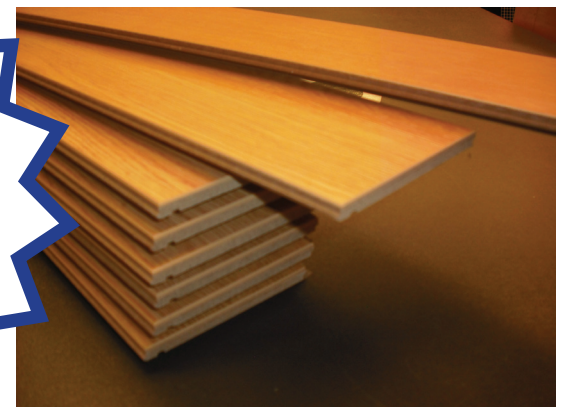


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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## Looking back

**T**HIS WEEK, we dedicate 13 pages to 2015 in all of its triumphs and losses. Looking over the hundreds of pages of stories about local events, it's hard to reduce a year down to a few pages or a few points, but some themes do stand out. Here are some of them.

**Pan Am Games – The Wild Water Preserve** held the kayak and canoe slalom competitions and the venue was transformed into a polished gem, complete with stands for the crowds at the finish line. The only problem was not enough local people were able to get in to witness the exciting races and appreciate the beauty of the river.

**55+ Winter Games –** Held for a second time across the county. Organizers learned from the 2011 games and adjusted plans to make it a truly Highlands experience for the visiting athletes and their families.

Besides creating an admirable venue for tourists, the games also showed how accomplished our local athletes are with several gold medals given to our neighbours and friends.

**Provincial finalists/medallists –** The Highlands again produced teams worthy of competing against the best in the province. We've become used to it, with teams regularly attending OFSAA for high school sports and OMHA finals for minor hockey, but it's worth noting that our schools and sports associations are lifting young people up to elite levels from a tiny local population, relatively speaking. The big wins in 2015 should be read as achievements for the athletes, but

also for their coaches, instructors and supporters.

**Losses –** We had our share in 2015. From the death of 12-year-old Taylor Donaldson in a car accident in the spring to the shooting (still largely shrouded in mystery) of Mike Chapman in August, the community weathered some heart breaking events last year. On top of the shocking deaths we also had to say goodbye to many community members who were active and valued members of society. Without exception people came together to support those coping with loss.



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## Editorial

**Health care –** The pages of the *Echo* over the last year show that residents are tuned in to news about the health-care system. We received letters about the conditions in long-term care, staffing levels and spending decisions. At the end of the year, the departure of the CEO put the spotlight back on the health corporation. In the New Year, HHHS plans to get the palliative centre underway and continue forward with the geriatric assessment and integration network.

**Politics –** The country saw a major shake-up in 2015 with the Liberal government taking power in November. Locally, the riding stayed blue, but the MP elected changed. Jamie Schmale, a former radio host and executive assistant to former MP Barry Devolin, was elected handily in October.

Those are just a few of the themes from 2015. What will 2016 bring?



Winter arrives at Haliburton lake

by Darren Lum

## The gifts of snow

**F**OR ALL OF DECEMBER I listened to a beautiful piece of music called *The Sound of Snow* by Aaron Goldberg. Sometimes I sat and quietly listened, other times I would do some stretching and movement. The piece of music is incredibly beautiful and every time I heard it I would have these images of myself doing all the things I love to do in the snow: walking, skiing, snowshoeing, having snowball fights, catching snowflakes on my tongue, watching the birds out my window, skating, building snow forts as a kid, shovelling, ice fishing, tobogganing and going on snowmobiling adventures and having lunch by the campfire.

These days I also use the snow as a focus for my meditation. I'll stop while I'm on a walk in the woods, or sit by the window in my living room and just pay attention to the snow. My years of learning about meditation has taught me how to use my body to calm my restless mind. A few simple tricks like allowing my eyes to soften and become still, or noticing my hands becoming soft and quiet, or feeling my breath soften are cues that encourage my mind to slow down and become present to what is going on around me. I let my senses be wide open.

I notice the sounds around me without having to know where they are coming from. I just listen and when I am out in the woods it is magical. The sounds come to my ears, I hear them and they go. Just listening to the birds

in the winter is a lovely meditation. It is so quiet and calm and peaceful. I always return home happier. Other times I'll listen for a while and then I might give the same attention to my breathing. I just notice my breath as it comes in and out in that moment. And then my focus might switch to the snow softly falling on the trees in its own time.

I just stand and watch. It's a practice of residing in the present moment. This is how it is right now. It doesn't matter if I'm inside or out, I'm being present with the snow, the beauty, the sounds and my breath. Then the focus might shift to the posture I'm standing or sitting in.

I give my full attention to my body as I walk or ski or slide. Meditation is a practice of being present and aware in the moment of what is. There is something very calming, soothing and peaceful about residing in the present moment. Thich Nhat Hahn writes in *Peace is Every Step*, "Our appointment with life is in the present moment." And I'd have to say after practising meditation for 25 years, the practice has made me more grateful. Today I am grateful for the snow.

It is art around me all the time. It creates work. It inspires us to get outside and be playful. It brightens the darker days of this time of year. It brings birds in to birdfeeders and we can delight in watching them. As I begin 2016 I am grateful be alive and to have good health and I will use the beauty of the snow to inspire me as I go about my winter days.

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the great



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## green meadow



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# points of view

## The kindness of others

BEING A COLUMNIST OF MY LEVEL of achievement is kind of like being a stray puppy that's cute, but not cute enough, and perhaps a little too far behind in its paper training to adopt. Basically, the only reason you thrive is due to acts of kindness exhibited by those who actually care about creatures like you.

This community is full of people like that. I am the recipient of small acts of kindness all the time.

People, often perfect strangers, are nice to me in the grocery store line up, at the post office, on the street and at public functions and public washrooms. They are nice in astonishing ways too. They'll tell me that they liked the column I just wrote. On occasion, they'll actually drop off an unexpected gift or book for me at the office. They'll phone or email to tell me a good story or joke. They'll thank me for something I once wrote and have long since forgotten. It's fantastic and I can't tell you how many times incidents like this have made my day, week or even month.

Over Christmas some kind soul, who remains anonymous, left me a deck of playing cards at the newspaper office. They were

made even more useful because each card contained fishing related facts. The only way I can thank that person is in this column.

Thank you, whoever you are. Those cards put a smile on my face.

That's the kind of thing I'm talking about. What's more astounding is these random acts of kindness have been a normal part of my life ever since I arrived in the community 17 years ago.

By now, you'd think I would know how to react to them.

The truth is I still don't. Every time it happens I'm completely flabbergasted – and I don't use that word

lightly because it's awful hard to spell. You see I happen to know myself quite well – and, believe me, I'm not nearly as special as you people make me feel.

I am reminded of that every time I get to know a person in this community. I'm constantly amazed and humbled by the experiences I hear about, the wit and wisdom, and the incredible talents routinely demonstrated.

My only regret is my own reaction to being blind-sided by all this. You see, every time someone compliments me on a column or shows kindness in other ways, I am literally at a loss for words. Those who know me well consider this a miracle worthy of investigation by the church and scientific community. Yet my reaction probably appears strange or, at the very least socially awkward, to those who are experiencing it.

In fact, I suspect it confirms the rumour that I have someone ghost write this column. At best, I will mumble thanks or blush profusely; by the way, you need to have a forehead as large as mine to pull off that effect. If that doesn't happen I will find myself saying something stupid in an effort to be witty. For instance, these days when someone tells me they regularly read my column, I have taken to immediately offering my condolences. It seems an appropriate reaction.

The point is, I always walk away from a compliment feeling awkward, not because of the compliment, but rather because I didn't adequately express my gratitude for it.

What I'd really like to say is, "Thank you so much. That is so nice of you to say. I feel very privileged to be part of a community that is so generous in dispersing kindness."

I'd like it to go that way. In reality, however, I generally stare like a deer in the headlights.

I'm hoping this column makes amends for all those awkward encounters I have put you kind people through. This is my way of formally thanking and acknowledging everyone who has shown me so much thoughtfulness over the years. I truly appreciate it.

So thanks, once again. Oh, and please accept my heartfelt condolences.



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Loon Tales



## pic of the past

Things have changed a lot on Haliburton's main street since this photo was taken on March 12, 1943, but one thing is the same: the snow! Jacqueline Metcalf sent in this photo, noting that back when this picture was taken, Haliburton didn't have the snow removal services and many cars were put up on blocks during the winter. We can see why with the rutted road and snowbanks.

## YOLO: learn to live with others

GERALD IRISH

*A Senior's Moment*

Dear fellow seniors, don't panic. I have not lost it completely. Although many of you may think I have, I assure you that I have maintained a bit of Haliburton savvy and sanity.

"YOLO" is simply one of those things you read sometimes in your emails. Not the ones exchanged by people of our ages but by younger writers of these messages. "YOLO" simply means "you only live once." The author of this inspirational group of letters has a creative mind or too

much time on his/her hands. I leave that verdict up to you, the reader.

These wonderfully creative people have many other abbreviations they use. These are meant to be time savers. Saving time from and for what, but saving time.

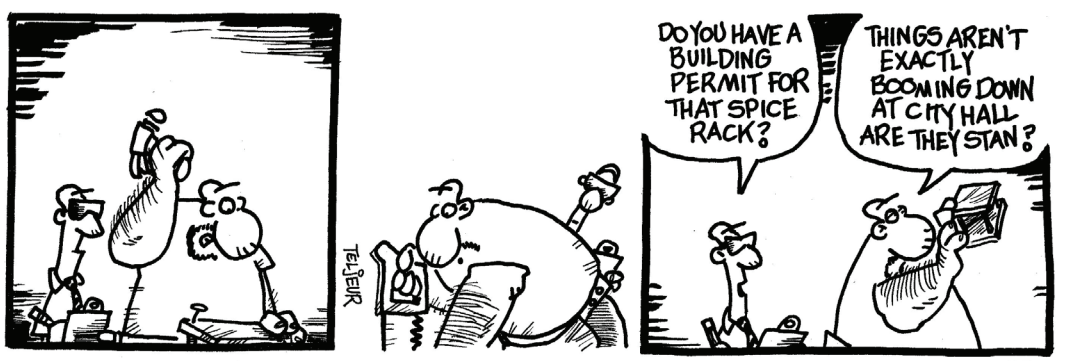
It also reminds me of gilding the lily by adorning the human body and all or almost all of its parts. I shudder to think of these permanent tattoos on certain parts of the anatomy as we age and parts begin to sag and droop or expand or shrink.

These things are only my personal taboos (not tattoos).

I have to learn to live with and accept these. After all. YOLO.

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# The night we brought in 2016

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

On the fourth day before Christmas my pet bear said to me ...

"Mama Maybelle, what are we doing New Year's... New Year's Eve?"

"New Year's Eve?" I

told Bogart. "We haven't breathed life into Christmas yet!" That was two weeks ago when I was up to my hairline in cooking, baking, gift wrapping and making. Who had time to even THINK about a new year? The old one had me hog-tied to jingle bells.

But, Christmas Day came and went and out of town guests including Twindle Mumbly's Aunt Clarry came and went (she loves Bogart and wanted to stay with us so he could do all of his George Carlin stand-up routines for her...oh, yeah, he's a smarty-pantser, don'tcha know) and all the energy it took ol' Maybelle to pull it all together came and went, and there was Bogart reprising that ponderous question.

"Mama Maybelle, what are we doing New Year's?"

I had just finished pushing my Pyrex cake pan way to the back of a low cupboard and as I oo'd and ahh'd straightening my 'ol bones like the 2000-year-old woman, the idea of planning another special event was as appealing to me as spoiled eggnog.

"How about sleeping?" I said. "Straight through to 2016."

Why, if Bogart didn't think that was the funniest thing he had heard. That bear was rolling around on the linoleum like a beer keg out of control.

Then, just two days before New Year's, I got the itch to pull something together. After all, a new year, a fresh slate and time to look back and forward as you bring it in with friends. So ...

I phoned Sybil, Twindle, Vilma, Beanpole, and Officer Stanley Penelope McBot-tom (Vilma's big squeeze) and wouldn't you know they all said the same thing:

"What took you so long?"

So much for mystery. They know ol' Maybelle sure as they know the tax man's coming again this year.

But, they didn't know which theme I had chosen for our New Year's Eve party. Oh sure, we always have a theme. One year it was a luau in the middle of a snowstorm... another, we all came as fishermen and bobbed for sushi. But this year, I said: "I'm leaving that up to you. And don't tell each other what theme you've chosen, that'll be half the fun. You can come any which way you want and for the potluck, bring anything that ties into your theme."

Twindle was the first to arrive looking just like he did every day ... except for the tail sticking out through the back of his pants. Twindle, being a taxidermist and all, had several tails to choose from. He chose a fox tail ... long, red, and bushy. And for the potluck he brought celery stalks stuffed with raw almond butter.

"My theme for the new year," he said, "is being smart as a fox about what I eat. Why, I want to be healthier than last year and nowhere near as healthy as I'll be in 2017." Then he coughed like there was no tomorrow and blew his nose into a hanky.

"Good one, Twindle!" I said. "Then you won't be eating any of my double chocolate

mousse and cranberry apple crumble for dessert."

"Oh sure I will ... as long as it's BEFORE midnight."

Sybil showed up next wearing a tiara on her head, big honkin' lumberjack boots on her feet, a pink tu-tu over woolen leggings and a furry sweater with writing on it that read: If you ain't a little crazy then you ain't my friend! "And this is for the potluck," she said, extending a deep pot of home-made chili whose aroma made Bogart and me swoon.

"I'm liking your theme, my friend," I said. "I guess it means everyone who's coming tonight is a little crazy."

"Of course, my dear," she said in her wonderfully British way. "Refreshingly so ... like my dish ... hearty, spicy, and good for the soul."

Bzzzzzzz, bzzzzzzz! We looked at each other and yelled: "Beanpole's here."

The sound of his two-fifty Tiger Moth bi-plane always announced him. "I hope he doesn't crash into my woodshed like he did last year," I said. "It's pretty icy out there."

We all listened hard and harder as the sound of the bi-plane's engine got louder and louder ... then ... CRASH!

I know what Beanpole's theme is, I muttered. "Annoying as Ever!"

Vilma and Stanley McB beat Beanpole to the door. And what a surprise they turned out to be. He was dressed like a girl ... and Vilma was dressed like a boy.

"Well, look at you," I said.

"Vilma made me do it," McB said.

"Yes, Maybelle," Vilma said in as deep a voice as he could muster. "Our theme for 2016 ... walk a mile in somebody else's shoes."

"And pantyhose?" said Sybil.

"I'm HERÉ!" Beanpole shouted, pushing open the cottage door. "And you'll never guess what my theme is because ... I don't have one. But I did bring this baked ham because it was on sale."

"Ah," I said, "Practicality Rocks. That's your theme, Beanpole! A good one, don'tcha know."

"And what's your theme, Maybelle?" Twindle said. "You don't look any different."

That's when I turned on my battery operated apron and the big nose on it started blinking. "Keep your nose out of other people's business," I announced. "That's my theme ... and something I need to remember. Because even with the best of intentions, it's wayyy too easy to spread gossip in a small village like Lake Whaddaya-thinkImean, don'tcha know. And for the potluck ... homemade desserts for the sweetness of life and sharing that sweetness with my very best friends."

Bogart looked all sad and huffy.

"I'm sorry, Bogart," I said. "I almost forgot. What's your theme for 2016?"

His eyes brightened like two moons.

"Turn your thought-voice synthesizer cap on so we can all hear what you're thinking, dear," I said.

"My theme is," he said, "be who you are. I'm Bogart. I'm different from other bears. They don't understand me, but you do. You love me. And I love you. My addition to the potluck ... this honey pot that Mama Maybelle game me for Christmas," he said, holding it out for all to see.

That was five days ago. It is now 2016, and my chance to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com



# New speaker series to highlight stories of adventure

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

If you enjoy embarking on adventures, learning about new places and humming along to a tune, a new speaker series launching this week might pique your interest.

Titled Telling Our Stories, the series is being presented by Yours Outdoors with support from Adventure Canada and the Haliburton Highlands Trekkers and is being held at the HHOA Fish Hatchery.

The idea for the series came from Yours Outdoors founder Barrie Martin, who had been mulling over bringing interesting people and their stories to the public.

Following a talk given last year by Dave Bathe, which was attended by about 60 people, Martin thought there was an interest in hearing from others about their travels.

Most of the guest speakers are from the area, highlighting the fact you don't have to look far to hear tales of travel, intrigue and adventure.

"Another motivation for doing it ... I try to apply the principles of ecotourism and part of that is giving back to the community," said Martin.

As a result, part of each admission fee will be donated to a local conservation organization.

The series kicks off with Craig MacDonald, former outdoor recreation specialist at Algonquin Park and a retired historian.

On Jan. 6, MacDonald will be sharing his knowledge of snowshoes, bringing a heritage collection of the winter footwear with him.

The series continues on Feb. 3 with Mike Buss, who will be talking about the fur trade, along with bringing in authentic furs.

On March 24 singer-songwriter David Newland will be leading an evening about the Arctic, sharing pictures, stories and songs from adventures he has taken to Greenland, Labrador and the Northwest Passage.

"This is essentially going to be a concert and a story," said Martin.

The final installment of the series is going to be a duo comprised of Karl Hartwick and Bob Davis, who are going to talk about tales from the Yukon. Focused on their eight-week canoe trip, the talk will show some of the scenery and wildlife they captured in photos.

Martin is hoping to continue the series, if there is interest from the public.

Each talk will be held at the fish hatchery from 7 to 9 p.m., \$10 a person.

Seats can be reserved by calling 705-754-3436 or email [info@yoursoutdoors.ca](mailto:info@yoursoutdoors.ca).

Tickets can be purchased at the door.



Craig MacDonald and his wife Doris stand in front of their winter camping tent and collection of historic snowshoes at the Dorset Snowball last February. On Jan. 6, Craig will be the first guest in the Telling Our Stories speaker series presented by Yours Outdoors, taking place at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. Cost is \$10 per person. The series, which is focused on adventure, has guests lined up through to April. FILE PHOTO

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Historian and former Algonquin Park outdoor recreation specialist Craig MacDonald will be bringing his collection of heritage snowshoes to the HHOA Fish Hatchery Wednesday, Jan. 6 for a talk titled A Story of Snowshoes. The event is the first in a speaker series that will take place from now until April.





Sledders welcomed by Forest

Above, snowmobilers receive gasoline before hitting the trails at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, which had enough snow last week to open on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Kennisis Lake location. The forest boasts 350 kilometres of snowmobile trails. See [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com) for more information.

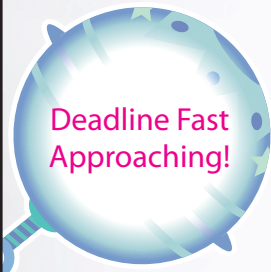
Right, hundreds of snowmobilers have come to the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve since it was hit with enough snowfall last week to open on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Kennisis Lake location.

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# 2015 Year in Review

## January

### Province invests in county tourism

The Haliburton County tourism department got a cash infusion at the cusp of 2015 to help with projects. \$32,000 was allocated to the county by the Rural Economic Development Program which was to go to new welcome signage, public relations for the county's food initiative, bilingual advertising and part of the 2014 Hike Haliburton Festival.

### Library marks 50 years

On Jan. 1, 1965, a bylaw signed by the Haliburton County warden Art Tompsett and clerk Frank Welch came into effect, creating the first county library service locally. Today the system includes eight branches, all of which have existed for 50 years.

### MPP contacts MTO over roads

Local MPP Laurie Scott wrote to the Ministry of Transportation asking them to address the conditions of the provincial highways locally.

"I drive the roads and see it myself. The roads were better maintained before they went to this privatization of the winter maintenance program," she said. The multinational corporation Carillion was in its third year of a 10-year contract to maintain the highways in the Haliburton County area – highways 35 and 118.



Red Hawks senior player Will Stephenson leads a fastbreak after stealing a ball during a home game against the visiting Kenner Rams in 2015. DARREN LUM Staff

### Browning to play major role in winter games

In January, leadership of the 55+ Winter Games, set to take place in Haliburton County in February 2015, announced that champion figure skater Kurt Browning would be the MC.

Browning has a place in Minden Hills and had accepted an offer to help out with the sporting event.

### Haliburton enters Kraft Hockeyville

Dysart et al announces that it has entered Haliburton as a contender for the Kraft Hockeyville competition. The top prize is an NHL pre-season game and \$100,000 in arena upgrades.

Local residents begin supporting the online competition in earnest.

### County faces big budget increase

County councillors needed to find \$1.2 million to keep the 2015 budget in line with the previous year's. A number of pressures contributed to the problem including a decrease in equalization payments from the province, repairs to the Dark Lake bridge and additional funds for the roads department reserve, among other things.

### Province launches \$1 million program for elderly

More than \$1 million was used to establish a Geriatric Assessment and Integration Network (GAIN), establish behavioural supports for those with mental health or neurological conditions, hire a community GAIN co-ordinator, provide assisted living for high-risk seniors, establish a palliative care community team and provide physiotherapy services.

Students rally around departing vice-principal

### Students rally around departing vice-principal

Local high school students protested a move by the school board to transfer vice-principal Gord Wood to Cobocok. The event was organized on Facebook and drew hundreds of supporters. Dave Waito was appointed interim VP.

### Man arrested after fleeing police on snowmobile

A 31-year-old man from Dysart et al faced multiple charges after fleeing from OPP on a sled. On Jan. 24, police saw the man racing through Haliburton Village with no lights and failing to stop at the stop sign. Police spent most of the evening tracking the snowmobile, which at one point was driven at the officers, who had to jump out of the way. The man was eventually arrested after his machine struck a tree and he fled on foot. He was charged with a bevy of offences.

### Dixon releases memoir

Rocker and local resident Carl Dixon puts out his




Children make their way down a run at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride area during the holidays at the beginning of the new year.

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Audience participants learned a variety of group dances at the Robbie Burns night at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Jan. 24. JENN WATT Staff



Margaret and Ashley Zahn, dressed for Valentine's Day, kept smiling despite the frigid water during the Polar Bear Challenge at Head Lake in Haliburton on Feb. 14, 2015. JENN WATT Staff



The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce award winners from left, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus of Baked and Battered for new business award, Barrie Martin of the Haliburton County Folk Society for not-for-profit of the year award, Willy Ewaschuk and wife Patti of Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets, skilled trades and industry award, David Zilstra of the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times, business achievement award, Jan Clarke and Sally Moore of Sunny Rock B&B, tourism and hospitality award, Lindsay Lester of Sno Trax/Dirt Trax, innovation and creativity award, Highlander of the Year, Jim Blake and Warden's Award recipient Paul MacInnes of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association / DARREN LUM Staff

book, *Strange Way to Live*, at a launch event Jan. 29. The book chronicles his life in the music industry, his formative years and his time in Haliburton.

## NDP choose Mike Perry

Mike Perry is chosen as the candidate to run in the federal election for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. He won the nomination on the first ballot. Perry was up against Lyn Edwards and Linda Cowan-Griffith.

## Carillion and province set to make changes

MPP Laurie Scott met with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and contractor Carillion, the company responsible for maintaining highways in Ontario.

Residents had complained about the drop in quality of maintenance during the contract Carillion held. The MPP said some changes were forthcoming including a contingency truck at the yard off Highway 35 south of Minden; integration of communications between Carillion and municipalities; route adjustments so that high risk areas were cleared earlier and more frequently; and a high-definition camera on Dover's Hill in Haliburton.

## TLDSB facing declining enrolment

At a school board meeting at the end of January, enrolment numbers at various schools were laid out.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School had 403 students; Stuart Baker Elementary School had 290; J.D. Hodgson Elementary School had 301; Cardiff had 54 and Wilberforce had 60. The high school had 472 students.

Despite declining enrolment, there was no movement by the board in 2015 to close any schools.

# February

## Developer pleads for Highlands East council's assistance

The owner of the property that was once home to the

veneer plant begged councillors to ease the financial burden it has come into since buying the land.

Allan Clark appeared before council Feb. 9 to request they waive some of the landfill tipping fees to clean up the Schofield Road property in Wilberforce he intends to convert to housing.

The property had been vandalized and Clark has spent more than \$100,000 to remove the building on the property, he said. At the time, he owed some \$18,000 in tipping fees.

No decision was made at that meeting.

## Casey takes second at COSSA

Red Hawks snowboarder Regan Casey competed in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on Feb. 13 and came away with silver. There were 44 competitors at the event, which took place at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake.

## 55+ Winter Games brings golden finish

Several Haliburton residents took home top prizes at the winter games, held across Haliburton County in February. The games offered a chance to compete for those over 55 years old in ice hockey, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, table tennis, curling, duplicate bridge and more.

## COSSA brings top wrestling results for Haliburton

On Feb. 19, the Red Hawks wrestling team competed in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics wrestling tournament at Quinte Secondary in Belleville. Keagan Gillam and Matt Sexsmith advanced to OFSAA from that tournament.

## Jim Blake named Highlander of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce honoured the Haliburton County Development Corporation's consultant with the



Four-time world champion skater Kurt Browning helped to host the the OSGA 55+ Winter Games at the opening ceremonies held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. There were more than 200 volunteers who helped to make this event possible. DARREN LUM Staff

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award at their annual gala at the end of the month.

Blake is a deeply involved resident of the Highlands, best known for his work in the arts including the sculpture forest, spoken word presentations, Dusk Dances and much more.

## Junior boys' basketball team wins silver

The junior boys captured the Kawartha A championship in February and advanced to the COSSA final. The boys returned with a silver from the championship.

# March

## Dusk Dances announces end of run

At the beginning of March, the Dusk Dances committee announced that the previous summer was their last. Dusk Dances, a public dance event taking place in Head Lake Park each summer, started locally in 2006. Organizers said it was too difficult to secure sponsorships with a volunteer committee. They pledged to support other local dance.

## Haliburton man pleads guilty to assault, forcible confinement

Grant Wallace, 56, was sentenced to 18 months of jail time after pleading guilty to assault, forcible confinement and possession of a firearm without a licence.

Wallace was charged after an incident on July 3, 2014 at an address off Highway 118 in Dysart et al.

## Red Hawks rink takes COSSA silver

The Red Hawks girls' curling team earned a COSSA silver medal. Alyssa Denyer, Mia Kocot, Alanna Casper, Tori Hawley and Emily Parish made up the team.



Marianne Fenninger of Haliburton County takes a tight line, heading to a first place finish in the alpine skiing (55+) event at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike during the OSGA 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19 hosted by Haliburton County. Fenninger was one of five skiers from Haliburton County who won gold to sweep the alpine event. DARREN LUM Staff

## Haliburton County taxes rise 2.7 per cent

Councillors passed the 2015 budget at a special meeting March 11. It costed more than \$20 million to run the county services with \$13.7 million of that coming from taxation. In order to pay for all of the rising costs and essential work, taxes went up 2.7 per cent.

## Haliburton finalist for Kraft Hockeyville

On March 14, Kraft Hockeyville announced Haliburton as one of the top 10 finalists for the competition that crowns a Canadian community with the title of Hockeyville and awards \$100,000 for arena repairs. The community embraced the campaign, voting online to put Haliburton in the top spot. Unfortunately, the winners from Canada's west and east went to Chatham-Kent and North Saanich, B.C.

## Girls' hockey team goes to OFSAA

The Red Hawks girls' varsity hockey team left the Ontario Federation of Sports Athletics Associations championships in Kenora without a win. Coach Dan Marsden called the team the "little train that could" saying the wins they had to achieve to get to the Ontario championship required tremendous heart and determination. It was the last year for a girls' hockey team at the high school.

## Boys' hockey team goes to OFSAA

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team missed the medal round at OFSAA in Pembroke. Coach Ron Yake said that over the year, the team gained momentum and came together in the Kawartha and COSSA AA championships. "We competed well at OFSAA but we lacked a little puck luck," Yake said.

## Peewee boys crowned all-Ontario champions

The Highland Storm boys' peewee team were the winners of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championships. They won over the Ingersoll Express 4-2 at the



There were hundreds who watched the participants of the annual Spring Splash event on March 28 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. The annual event, which ends the season, draws a colourful group that attempt to span the "cool pool." Submitted by Tim Tofflemire.

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday, March 29. Coach Jason Morissette called it an amazing achievement for the team. They took the series 3-2.

## Land Trust director resigns

After a year at the helm, Larry O'Connor left his position as executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The board of directors thanked him for his service in a press release issued March 25. He would be replaced by Pat Kennedy in June, who later resigned from the role.



Highlands Concert Band member Barb Allman plays the French horn for an audience of adults and Wilberforce Elementary School students at a concert by the Highlands Concert Band on March 27 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. This was a free concert that featured show tunes and scores from movies such as Star Trek and Raiders of the Lost Ark. Sixty-five students and close to 20 adults attended the concert, which was an idea of concert band member Mark Bramham. DARREN LUM Staff



The kid and mutt competition was a popular draw at the 13th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Feb. 7, 2015. Competition took place over two days. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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# April

## Haliburton joins junior A league

On April 2, Dysart et al councillors and staff gathered at the Haliburton arena to welcome Stephane Laveault, the new owner of a junior A team: the Haliburton Wolves.



Frederick, played by Christopher Chumbley, moves away from Mabel, played by Hannah Klose, in the *Pirates of Penzance* during a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Staged by the Highlands Little Theatre, the performance included more than 30 cast members and was a near sellout for all of their shows from April 16 to 19./DARREN LUM Staff

"We are very excited to come here," said Laveault, a Toronto-based businessman and former minor hockey coach. Walt McKechnie would be made the coach of the team shortly thereafter and hold the role into the fall of 2015.

## Midget B girls win championship

The midget B girls' Storm team travelled to Mississauga in early April for the OWHa all-Ontario Provincial Playdown championships. "Twenty-four teams in six pools took on the challenge to be crowned all-Ontario champion," Dan Marsden wrote in a story that ran in the *Echo*. The girls ended up winning the gold medal at the championships.

## Marquis steps into the federal fray

David Marquis began doing press interviews and touring the county as the Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the 2015 federal election.

"The current MP, in my view, has become more focused on becoming Speaker of the House and holding passport clinics than representing the issues of the riding," he said in an interview.

## Local brewery brings home gold

On April 9, the owners of Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Michael and Jewelle Schiedel-Webb, took home gold at the Ontario Brewing Awards.

Placing first in the honey/maple category, the recognition was a pleasant surprise for the couple, who initially weren't planning to enter the competition.

## Greens offer alternative in election: candidate

Green party candidate Bill MacCallum did tours of the riding in April, telling people that his party was the best alternative to Stephen Harper's Conservatives. The 52-year-old teacher said he felt the media was finally

starting to take his party seriously and stressed that the Greens offered practical solutions to problems facing the country.

## St. George's celebrates 150 with plaque

On April 26, St. George's Anglican Church held a dedication ceremony of a commemorative sign marking the existence of an Anglican church in what was then West Dysart. A service took place at the current church in Haliburton with Bishop Linda Nicholls officiating. The bishop, priest and members of the congregation went to the site of the sign afterwards, which is at Old Donald Road and Tom Bolton Road.

## Boy dies in collision

Twelve-year-old Taylor Donaldson died in a car crash when he was travelling with his father Ken and brother Isaiah on Sunday, April 19. His father and brother were admitted to hospital, but released with non-life-threatening injuries. The community rallied around the family and Wilberforce Elementary School brought in counsellors to help the children cope with losing their classmate and friend. A memorial wall was established in the school where students put up notes and drawings for Taylor.

## Red Hawks badminton team rules the courts

Senior boys' doubles team Curtis Ballantyne and Caleb Schmidt won COSSA gold and earned a trip to OFSAA. Senior singles player Noah Dollo finished third at COSSA.

## Tourists asked to go 'nowhere'

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization unveiled their summer campaign at the Pinestone on April 30. The campaign asks potential tourists to go "nowhere" – a place where you can disconnect and enjoy nature. There were mixed reviews to the campaign with many saying it was condescending to call this area nowhere.



The Red Hawks junior badminton team members Hannah Klose, who finished fourth with mixed doubles partner Dylan Smith, left, singles silver medallist Chris Thompson, and girls' doubles gold medallist team of Jamie Little and Kennadal Marsden hold the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship team trophy after finishing with the best total score on Thursday, April 23 in Brighton. The entire team earned points to the team total. COSSA is the highest level of competition for juniors. Absent for the photo was Klose's doubles partner Smith, boys' doubles team of Ben Schmidt and Mat Willbee, who won gold./DARREN LUM Staff



Flanked by students, doing their part to help, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's interim vice-principal Dave Waito brings a mealworm up to his mouth as an incentive to raise money for the Autism Speaks Light it Up Blue campaign raising awareness of the neurological disorder known as autism. Waito, said if the school raised \$1,000 he would eat mealworms. He finished with eight. The school raised \$1,255 for the campaign. DARREN LUM Staff

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# May

## MP Devolin testifies on Duffy visit to riding

MP Barry Devolin said he felt like a pawn in a chess game when he testified in the trial involving Conservative senator Mike Duffy on May 7.

On the stand for about an hour, Devolin said he was peppered with questions by Duffy's lawyer regarding a specific event the MP hosted in June of 2009. Called Breakfast with Barry, the event was a regular fundraiser of the Conservative Riding Association and in 2009, Duffy was invited as the guest speaker.

## OFSAA bronze for badminton duo

Senior boys' Red Hawks badminton team Caleb Schmidt and Curtis Ballantyne returned from the all-provincials with a bronze medal. Although they were initially disappointed because they were close to a chance at the gold medal, the team was satisfied with their achievement.

## Teljeur new Pinestone GM

John Teljeur, former director of sales for Pinestone, took over on Monday, May 25. Teljeur worked at Pinestone under Delta management from 2002 to 2009. Earlier in the year, Dennis Casey had briefly taken on the role of GM, but had decided not to continue on.

## V&S doesn't close as expected

Early in 2015, Sandy and Andy Glecoff of Stedman's V&S had said they were closing the store to widespread dismay. In May, the Glecoffs' son, Clay and his wife Amy decided to take over managing the popular department store in downtown Haliburton. "I enjoy it. It's where my heart's always been," Clay said.

## County opens paramedic base

On May 27, Haliburton County officially opened its new paramedic base along Highway 35 in Minden. That building is located on the property that for years housed Walker's Auto Repair and the official opening was timed

to coincide with Paramedic Services Week.

The county purchased the property in 2010. The new location is expected to reduce response times for ambulances and eventually save the county some money.

# June

## Elementary teachers increase work action

Throughout the end of the 2014-2015 school year and the beginning of the next one, elementary school teachers and staff had several labour disputes leading to strike

action in some cases. Compounding confusion around the action was new bargaining rules that have some bargaining happening at the provincial table, and other bargaining happening locally.

In June, a leaked memo from the elementary teachers' union stated that teachers would not participate in several activities in an effort to put pressure on the Ministry of Education to continue contract negotiations.

## \$60,000 worth of marijuana found in Highlands East

A man from Highlands East was charged after police found a large amount of marijuana growing at a property in that municipality. On June 2, Bancroft OPP executed a search warrant and found 207 marijuana plants being grown in a shed and outside worth \$60,000. One man was arrested and charged with production of cannabis marijuana.



And they're off! On May 21 local businesses and organizations such as Patient News and Canoe FM, seen here, jumped on the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike to raise money and awareness while riding through the streets of Haliburton and Minden. The event marked the fourth anniversary of the Big Bike in Haliburton County. Riders raised money through pledges, collecting more than \$2,000 in donations. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Long time friends Linda Rowe, front left, and Val Spratt crouch in front of Mary Johnson, left back, Irene Pollard, Gail Robinson, Joan Stoner and Stella Voisin, who dressed as the "pink ladies" during the Grease Sing-along fundraiser hosted by the Highlands Summer Festival on Saturday night, May 9 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks junior soccer player Emily Klose, right, clears a ball past an I.E. Weldon Wildcats forward on Thursday, May 7 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

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## Little and Hill named HHSS athletes of the year

Erin Little and Ryan Hill were given the athletes of the year honours at the athletics banquet at the high school this year. Departing coach Caley Sisson was given the impact award and principal Dan Marsden called the 2014-2015 year one to remember.

## Emmerson releases book on Alexander Niven

Local historian Kim Emmerson launched his book, *Alexander Niven: The Biography of an Early Haliburton County Surveyor*, on June 23. The book details Niven's extraordinary life, which included not only surveying, but local politics. He was many times elected reeve and took a run at the provincial legislature as a Liberal.

## Track and field athletes make it to provincials

Javelin thrower Ryan Hill participated at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations track and field meet June 4 to 6 in Toronto. He threw 38.42 metres – short of his personal best by six metres – but said he enjoyed himself and was honoured to compete against the best in the province. Kennal Marsden ran the 200-metre dash at OFSAA. She didn't hit her best time of

26.93 seconds, coming up short by 14 hundredths of a second in the preliminary heat. She called the experience incredible.

## TSW gets \$285 million boost

On June 20, local MP Barry Devolin announced \$285 million would be spent on infrastructure upgrades for the Trent Severn Waterway. Of that funding, \$17 million will go towards repairing or replacing dams and bridges within Haliburton County. The biggest expense will be the Kennisis Lake Dam.

# July

## Brink named Citizen of the Year

Nancy Brink was this year's recipient of the Citizen of the Year honour given annually at the West Guilford Canada Day event. Brink had helped families by collecting discarded produce from local stores, which she brought to 10 local families in need. "One time when I was delivering food to a family that just gave me the thank you I needed," Brink said after the award, "They had five little children and one little boy came running up to me and said, 'Oh, Nancy. We needed bread so bad. We didn't have bread. Thank you so much.' That was all the thank you I needed."

## Man drowns in Little Glamor Lake

A 29-year-old man from Newmarket drowned in July while swimming in Little Glamor Lake. Saksinnarung Som was swimming from a dock to a floating raft on July 8 when he sank below the surface of the water. When Som was brought to the surface, CPR was performed. He was taken to Haliburton Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.



Students from J. Douglas Hodgson's graduating Grade 8 class listen intently as Arden Harrop gives her valedictorian address June 23, 2015. ELIZABETH BATE staff

## Palliative centre plans delayed

The board of Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced it was moving forward with an alternative plan for the palliative care centre after a request for a minor variance from Dysart et al was rejected. The ministry of health had granted approval to the corporation to tender the construction of the project. The chairman of



It was time for hot deals at the Trash n' Treasures community yard sale in Head Lake Park on June 13. CHAD INGRAM Staff

the board would not comment on how long it might take for the alternative scenario to move forward.

## Pan Am Games bring excitement to Wild Water Preserve

Canadians captured four medals in Minden during the Pan Am Games, which hosted the canoe slalom competitions at the world class Wild Water Preserve. The races went off without a hitch.

## Council considers new condo proposal

A new development was proposed for the vacant property on the corner of Sunnyside Street and Highway 118 in Haliburton Village – the site formerly set to become the Watercolours development. Titled Bluewater Condominium, the proposal was pitched to Dysart et al councilors at their July 27 meeting. Before the project can move forward, several plans and studies must be completed.



The C2 (canoe doubles) team of Edmonton's Ben Hayward, left, and Dunrobin's Cameron Smedley push for the final gate at the Pan Am Games at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. The C2 team was eliminated from the finals. / DARREN LUM Staff

Larry Little of Alex Little Electric and Contracting secures the Pan Am Games banner across County Road 21. DARREN LUM Staff

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# August



Nancy Brink earned this year's Pioneer Citizen Award for being the citizen of the year for her dedication and volunteering efforts, as part of West Guilford's celebration for Canada Day on Wednesday, July 1 at the West Guilford Community Centre. DARREN LUM Staff

## One dead, one injured in shooting

Michael Chapman died in a shooting at a residence on Highway 118 east of Haliburton on Aug. 16. Shortly before 6 p.m. on that day, police arrived at the residence to find one man dead and the other suffering from a gunshot wound. The injured man was taken to hospital. Police never charged anyone in the incident and have never released the name of the injured man.



Matt Duchene laughs during banter between songs at Music in the Park on July 14, 2015. He was the special guest of Gord Kidd and the 50/50 Band. JENN WATT Staff

## Pinestone sold to Aurora Hotel Group

Aurora Hotel Group purchased Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in early August. It had previously been owned by Vrancor. The company said it was looking at renovations and had other plans including developing an abandoned gas station location next to Pinestone.

## Powerboats buzz into Haliburton

Racers took to the waters of Head Lake in August for the inaugural Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races. The two-day affair was sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation and hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club.



Sister Mary Paul, played by Pat Piche, who suffers from amnesia, performs a marionette number as part of *Nunsensations: The Nonsense Vegas Revue*. Piche is one of five nuns who travels to Vegas to sing and dance for entertainment in the sequel to *Nunsense*. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

## \$600,000 gap on Head Lake Bridge work

Repairs to the Head Lake bridge near the high school ended up costing Haliburton County \$600,000 more than anticipated. Previously unnoticed corrosion of the bridge's columns meant that they had to be "jacketed" with steel, pushing the cost from \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million. (About one half of the initial estimate was covered by a government grant.) The extra money came from reserves.



Nine-year-old Haliburton resident and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School student Bridgette Byrne busked at the Arts and Crafts Festival for the first time in Head Lake Park. A music student of Bethany Houghton, Bridgette has been playing the violin for just over two years and found the busking experience very rewarding. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



The Ultimate Air Dogs competition was featured at the Cottage Country Dog Show at Head Lake Park in Haliburton Aug. 15. The dogs competed in splash downs to see who could jump the farthest. The second annual show saw much better weather than last year, when it rained on the competition. ELIZABETH BATE staff

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Hundreds came out to hear from candidates at Pinestone in September. DARREN LUM Staff

## September

### Crowds pack Pinestone for debate

A large number of people came out for an all-candidates debate at Pinestone Resort on Sept. 21. All four candidates were there: Jamie Schmale (Conservative), David Marquis (Liberal), Mike Perry (NDP) and Bill MacCallum (Green). The grand ballroom was standing room only with hundreds attending.

### Fighting for long-term care beds

The Central East Local Health Integration Network's CEO told Haliburton County council the number of long-term care beds had been frozen for some time and that the province is in the process of redeveloping 30,000 beds in Ontario. Sixty beds within Haliburton County have been identified as needing upgrades, but it's not yet clear how that will happen.

### Scott Rae on road to recovery

Haliburton resident Scott Rae was discharged from Lyndhurst rehabilitation facility on Sept. 15 following an accident at work. The Hydro One employee was struck by a tree limb in May, causing paralysis. Over time, he learned how to walk again and told the paper he was improving every day.

### Community Living eyes merger with Kawartha Lakes

Plans to merge Community Living Haliburton County with its partner organization in Kawartha Lakes. At the annual general meeting, the board members brought the

public up to date on the shifts happening at Community Living. "The conversation is about creating a joint agency or one agency that serves both communities," said executive director Teresa Jordan.

## October

### Sick time puts pressure on health services corp

Staff sick time continued to put extra pressure on the bottom line at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. At their board meeting on Oct. 1, finance committee chairman Dale Robinson said that the costs have not come down for sick time at the corporation. To the end of August, \$68,500 had been spent above budget.

### Schmale wins riding

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock remained blue on Oct. 19 following the federal election, which saw the Conservatives unseated from power and Liberals taking over with a majority.

It was the first election as a candidate for Jamie Schmale, who won as a Conservative. Schmale was previously executive assistant for MP Barry Devolin and his background is in radio.

### Paramedicine program underperforms

The emergency services committee of county council was told in October that the paramedicine program had served very few patients. "It was a bomb," Minden Hills

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The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team, the Lady Jaguars, paddle across Head Lake for third place in the Rotary Voyageur Cup canoe race on Sunday, Sept. 20 in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

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Red Hawks senior quarterback Jaydon Wood evades a tackle from an Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute Lions player, rushing for the sideline during the Haliburton home opener at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

Reeve Brent Devolin said at the county council table. \$85,000 came from the province for the program, which was to serve those in the community at home using paramedics.

### OPP search for missing man

Police sent out bulletins about a Bowmanville man whose car had been found in the Haliburton Highlands. David Palmer, 47, was last seen Oct. 2. He suffers from personal health issues and his family was worried about him. As of press time, he still has not been found.

### Festival promoter eyes Haliburton

Wolfgang Siebert and John Teljeur made a delegation to Dysart council on Oct. 26 outlining details of the International Festival for Water, an event they would like to bring to the county. Siebert had made a conditional offer on the golf course in West Guilford and wanted to host multiple music festivals there each year. Several concerns

were brought up by councillors and another meeting was set.

### Farmers' Market celebrates \$450,000 season

This summer saw a record number of vendors – 49 – compared to last year's 38, said Angel Taylor, chairwoman of the Haliburton County Farmers Market board. "Whereas last summer our vendors earned a total of approximately \$285,000 across two markets, this year the earnings approach \$450,000 with the three markets," Taylor said. In 2015, the farmers market added a market in Minden in addition to the ones in Haliburton and Carnarvon.

### HHHS to spend \$2 million on records system

Haliburton Highlands Health Services decided to



A runner jogs through the start/finish area of the Haliburton Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 20. With 98 runners, the annual event raised close to \$5,200. This year's event included the one lap around Head Lake, five kilometre route, the two lap, 10 kilometre route, a one-kilometre kids' run and a fundraising incentive prize table. /DARREN LUM Staff

spend up to \$2.1 million on a centralized electronic records system with Ross Memorial Hospital, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Northumberland Hills Hospital and Lakeridge Health.

HHHS board members made the decision at their Oct. 29 meeting. Among the benefits are standardization of care and efficiencies in staff time, since searching for and passing physical paper records between medical staff would no longer be required. Money for the system would come from fundraising, not operational funds.

### Field hockey team crowned COSSA champions

The Red Hawks field hockey team went undefeated at the COSSA tournament on Oct. 29 at Thomas A Stewart Secondary School and advanced to OFSAA in Peterborough. The Hawks defeated the North Hastings High



Kicking up some dirt at the Sedgwick farm in Gelert on Sept. 26 during the 62nd annual Corduroy Enduro. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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# November

## Residents go days without power

A storm that swept across Ontario downed hydro lines with 100-kilometre winds, knocking out power to thousands for days. More than 60 incidents were investigated across Haliburton County with more than 9,000 without power on Nov. 6. The hospital lost power for an hour when the generator did not automatically start.

## Council questions festival promoter

A special meeting of Dysart council on Nov. 10 brought lots of questions, comments and a few fireworks from councillors directed at John Teljeur and Wolfgang Siebert regarding a proposal to transform a golf course into a site for music festivals.

More than two dozen attendees filled council chambers to hear more about Siebert's plans to transform Lakeside Golf Course on Highway 118 in West Guilford into a permanent site for festivals. The concert organizers were told that council needed an application for rezoning

with approvals from the MTO.

## Hockey Haven hopes to find a home in Haliburton

Troy Binnie, owner of Haliburton Hockey Haven, made a delegation to Dysart et al council on Nov. 23 to request the summer camp have access to the arena for nine weeks during the summer. Council was positive about the proposal and staff will consult with Binnie about drawing up a proposal for five to 10 years.

## Community to sponsor refugee

A group of residents started a committee to sponsor a refugee, or family of refugees, who will call Haliburton County their home.

The Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee started organizing and training to make an application.

The group continues to fundraise, but by the end of the year had \$25,000 donated.

## Highlands East welcomes new CAO/



Peterborough Theatre Guild actors Michael Valliant-Saunders, left, as C.S. Lewis and Wyatt Lamoureux as Sigmund Freud rehearse Freud's Last Session at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 6 in preparation for the start of the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-act Play Festival hosted in Haliburton from Nov. 6 to 8. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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It was serious business at the third annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Walk/Run in Dysart et al in November. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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## treasurer

Shannon Hunter began working as the chief administrative officer of Highlands East on Nov. 9. Hunter replaced longtime municipal employee Sharon Stoughton-Craig, who retired from a 41-year career.

## Harcourt Community Centre burns to ground

On Sunday, Nov. 29, a fire destroyed the Harcourt Community Centre. The centre had hosted weddings, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations and bingo among other things. The fire department did not know what the cause of the blaze was.

## Convictions in Ryan Kennedy murder case

Three of the four men charged with the 2011 murder of Ryan Kennedy were convicted on various charges. Kennedy was killed on Oct. 19, 2011, outside Minden. Police found him and another man bound and beaten at a residence off South Lake Road. The other man survived. Four men were charged: Mason Gillard-Gatza, Tin Wai Hong, Nathaniel Cain and Raphael Guerra. On Nov. 21, the jury found Hong guilty of second degree murder and assault causing bodily harm. Gillard-Gatza was found guilty of manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm. The same verdict was given to Cain. Guerra was found not guilty on both counts.

## National organization recognizes local volunteer

Nancy Ballantyne, a member of the Trillium Lakelands Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Parents for French, was this year's Mlacak Award. She won the award for her dedication and efforts with CPF in promoting French education. Vanessa Meraw nominated her for the award.

# December

## Music fest hits MTO snag

A proposal that involves converting a West Guilford golf course into a venue for music festivals hit a snag with the Ministry of Transportation. The application was not finalized because the MTO had not approved the commercial entrance to the building, holding up the application.

## HHHS CEO leaves corporation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors ended its relationship its CEO and president Varouj Eskedjian. The decision was announced Dec. 10 officially. In a press release, the board said with many important changes now falling into place, they would need to look for the next generation of leadership to advance the organization.

## Redstone Lake residence destroyed by fire

Nineteen firefighters contained a blaze that claimed a building on Redkenn Drive on Dec. 13. About \$1 million of damage was created by the fire, which had already engulfed the house by the time the firefighters arrived around 11 p.m. The cause is not known. No injuries were reported.

## Dysart signs agreement with Bell to improve cell service

In an effort to improve network capacity for cell service, the municipality signed a master services agreement with Bell to bring small cell systems to the area.



The Red Hawks boys' hockey team's defenceman Ethan Keefer, marks his man in the home and season opener against the Norwood Knights. The Hawks defeated the Knights 8-2./DARREN LUM Staff



The Harcourt Community Centre was destroyed in a fire on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015. Photo by Tammy Donaldson



Silver Cross mother and Second World War veteran Olive Smith, who served in the British Army's artillery, stands with Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's Sargeant at Arms Callum Wood while the other Silver Cross mother Rosemary Blight, who has a son in the Canadian Armed Forces, lays wreath at the cenotaph for the Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 11. DARREN LUM Staff

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### Carol Moffatt becomes warden

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was elected warden of Haliburton County for the 2016 year. She was nominated by Dysart et al Reeve and then-warden Murray Fearrey. Moffatt said her focus in the next year would be tourism.

### Warm weather and no snow hurting tourism industry

Several winter-based tourism providers said that having a December with balmy temperatures and little snow was costing them.

The warm weather meant Sir Sam's Ski Hill couldn't open until Dec. 19 and even then it warmed up again.

"Thirty-six per cent of the ski businesses revenue is made over the Christmas holidays [for the whole season]," said Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's.



Wilberforce residents Summer Anderson-Casey, 6, looks on while sitting on Santa, as her younger sister Payton, 1, reaches out to her mother April at the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade and Party event on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Sponsored by the Ward 4 Volunteer Fire Department and the Santa Fund Committee, the event drew hundreds of people for Christmas cheer, a meet and greet with Santa, and more than 200 gifts and photos with Santa. The community event was made possible due to private donations, the business community, toy donations from McKecks Bar and Grill, the Tory Hill Pastoral Charge, local photographer Tammy Donaldson, the Township of Highlands East, Dan Linkert and more than 20 volunteers./DARREN LUM Staff



Two-year-old Harper Hamilton of Minden makes an ornament at the craft table with her grandmother Donelda Smith during the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 13 at YMCA Wanakita on Koshlong Lake. It had virtually everything from crafts for children to a breakfast buffet, live wildlife and Santa. The free event, which has continued to grow in popularity with the young and young at heart, drew more than 400 people and was made possible by Wanakita and generous sponsors./DARREN LUM Staff



The students of Mrs. Smith's Grade 5/6 class spelled out Merry Christmas in an acrostic poem during the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas concert on Dec. 17, 2015 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. JENN WATT Staff

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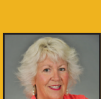
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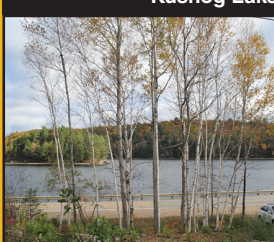
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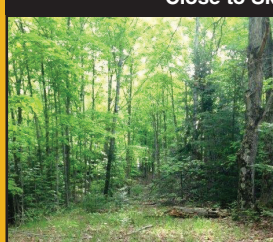
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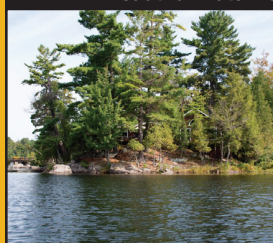
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# Best sports photos of 2015



Clockwise, from top, varsity rugby Hawks player Freya Moran rushes the ball; the senior Red Hawks basketball team celebrates a come from behind win (on final shot by Caleb Schmidt, second from right) over the FFSS Falcons; Haliburton Wolves' player Connor Sikma is tripped up; Hawks wrestler Keagan Gillam gets on top of his opponent; Hawks varsity field hockey netminder Sydney Cameron dives out to poke a loose ball away to preserve a 1-0 COSSA Championship final win over rival Bancroft; Hawks senior wide receiver Kyle Lavergne, who is flanked on both sides by defenders, makes a leaping catch in the senior home opener.



Photos by Darren Lum



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Far right, after a slow start to winter, there were hundreds who went to the slopes.

Right, young skiers follow their instructor down the hill.

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When: Wednesday, January 13, 10 am to noon  
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Harco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.  
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

#### HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, January 13, 10:30 am to Noon  
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#### Youth Baking Workshop presented by the Haliburton Highlands Museum

When: Saturday, January 16th, 10am-12pm  
Where: Upstairs at the Haliburton Arena  
Kids aged 8 and up are invited to join Judy Carpenter and museum staff to learn how to bake old-fashioned treats! This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.  
Contact: 705-457-2760 or [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

#### WILBERFORCE: Meet the Nurse

When: Thursday, January 21, 10 am to noon  
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre (2249 Loop Rd.) in Wilberforce  
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

# Dinner makes season merry

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
448-2018

Christmas Day was merry for many in this area. This was especially true for those who enjoyed the free community dinner at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Providing this friendly warm occasion for the third year were Lynn Binskin, Hazel and Digger Lanois of the Kawartha Bikers Church – Bancroft and their family and many friends. Word had gotten out that this was a special place to be on this special day. A big thank you on behalf of the large crowd to them for food and fellowship – a delicious meal, live entertainment and a Kids' Corner. Donations for the food bank were graciously accepted.

Hope the season was as joyous for the readers of this column.

More good news: The Wilberforce branch of the Haliburton County Public Library in 2016 will be open two additional hours each week. Wednesday hours are still 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday's are still 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Changes are: Tuesday and Thursday are now 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wilberforce Book Club last week enjoyed a good discussion of The Friday Night Knitting Club. Most enjoyed the range of interesting characters and their

friendship as a result of dropping in at the New York yarn shop. Members will be reading The Massey Murder a very Canadian story during January.

St. Margaret's Church people will be serving one of their soup etc lunches at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Bad news next – especially for local curlers. Word from the Wilberforce Curling Club executive informs us that there was a major breakdown in the brine piping just before Christmas. The machinery was probably working hard to retain the ice on a very unusually warm Dec. 24. The club will not be able to offer curling for the second half of the season.

This major leak is likely an extension of the trouble experienced during start-up in October. It is likely somewhere in the main floor piping and probably cannot be fixed without taking out the ice and rebuilding the floor from scratch. The system is the original built in 1975 and is very brittle.

Thankfully curling clubs in Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft have generously each found space for our club to hold one of their winter bonspiels at their clubs. They will be one day 'spiels with lunch and dinner. More details later.

Interested in little theatre? Our local Loop Troupe is gearing up to hit the LWMC stage later this winter and early spring. Plans will be firmed up shortly. Two options are being considered. Depends on how many people are willing to learn some lines and can play the roles of adult men and women. Call or email me at [hilda-clark@gmail.com](mailto:hilda-clark@gmail.com) or 705-448-2018 if interested. More information will be posted.

Hope the new year will be an interesting one for you.

## Christmas company in Guilford

community news

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

Christmas company included Brian Rutherford and his wife, Bronwen, daughter of David Rolfe. They came from Bowmanville to spend Christmas with Pam and Derek Rolfe.

The Perry Morrisons had their daughter Jean home from St. Jacob's and Nora and Steel Lay from Mississauga.

My two younger sisters spent two days in Guilford after Christmas, June Campbell from Barrie and Mavis Swiston from Burlington. Mavis was hosted by Kathleen at her new place next door (almost) Kathleen having moved from town on Dec. 21.

David and Shirley Barker also enjoyed the company of their family over the holiday.

Euchre on Dec. 15:

High: Barbara Brownsberger and Gerald Hadley

Low: Rebecca Fletcher and Peter Laplante

Most Lone hands: Henk vanNood and Kay Morrison

Euchre on Dec. 22:

High: Ann McIvor and Ron Bain

Low: Diane Fowler and Kaylee McKay

Most Lone Hands: Ruth Fletcher and Robert McIvor

## Council signs on for Blue Dot

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

At the Dec. 14 meeting of council, Dysart politicians signed a resolution following a presentation by J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students and Environment Haliburton regarding the Blue Dot Movement.

The resolution stated the municipality recognizes that all people deserve to live in a healthy environment including clean air, clean water, healthy food and responsible government as it pertains to nature, pollutants and contaminants released in our environment. There should be local involvement when decisions affect our local jurisdiction.

## Book of the Month

*A Brief History of Seven Killings* by Marlon James

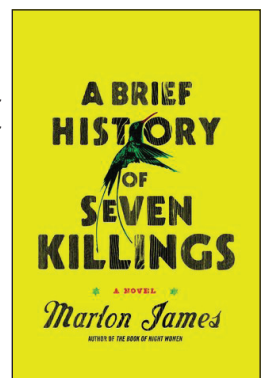
With a huge cast of characters from the slums of Jamaica to Miami to New York, and over decades of turmoil and change, Marlon James gives a fictional account of the events surrounding the attempted assassination of Bob Marley, referred to as The Singer. On Dec. 3, 1976 just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Marley was to perform at the Smile Jamaica concert, gunmen broke into his home nearly killing him, his wife, and his manager. Marley still performed at the concert – an entire 90-minute set despite his injuries – but left Jamaica the next day not returning for two years.

In this Man Booker Prize winning novel, Marlon James explores the history of this tumultuous time from the Kingston slums in the 1970s, to the crack wars in New York in the 1980s, and to a radically

altered Jamaica in the 1990s. *A Brief History of Seven Killings* by Marlon James is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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# Bantam A Storm continues to improve

The Highland Storm Bantam A team met with the Huntsville Otters, Saturday afternoon for an entertaining game that ended in a 3-3 tie. The Storm came out flying against the Otters, however it was the Otters that got the first goal. During an Otters' power play in the Storm's end, Zach Morissette intercepted a pass that sent him on a breakaway. He out manoeuvred the goalie and got a bar down short-handed goal, making it 1-1. The Otters turned it up a notch and took a two-goal lead. The Storm continued to work hard which paid off later in the third period. First, a pass from Nigel Smith to the point, a shot by Austin French got by the goalie making it 3-2. Then, it was a hard drive to the net by Zach Morissette, his shot was saved but Lucas Haedicke was there to pick up the rebound and tie the game 3-3. Awesome effort by everyone!

As the regular season winds down, the Highland Storm Bantam A team continues to improve, preparing for the upcoming playoffs. They defeated the South Muskoka Bears 4-2, Sunday afternoon in Bracebridge. This was a great accomplishment for the Storm, as the Bears have held first place in their division, throughout the season. The Storm got on the scoreboard early in the first period. A feed from Billy Walker and Noah Black, along the boards, found the stick of Owen Smith. He zipped by the defence and top cornered it, for the first goal. Minutes later, the Bears tied it up. Early in the second period, the Bears took the lead with a goal. Back and forth action continued. Later in the second period, the Storm had a man advantage and dominated the play. Some quick passes and good manoeuvres found the Bears on their heels. A shot by Austin French from the point, got the goal to tie the game 2-2, assisted by Nigel Smith. Both teams came out strong in the third period. It was a screen shot from the point by the Storm's Shawn Walker that took the lead, minutes into the period. The one goal lead provided intense end-to-end action. That ended when Owen Gilbert got the empty netter goal, sealing the win late in the third.

## Midget girls Jets take on

## Comets

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire midget B girls' Jets returned to the ice Sunday afternoon in a home game rematch against the Cold Creek Comets, who they tied 2-2 on the road in their last ice time before their winter break. The two week lay-off showed as the rusty Jets struggled to gain their pre-New Year form. Cold Creek opened the scoring late in the first period capitalizing on a turnover in the Jets' defensive end, slipping a hand-cuffing shot into the net. The 1-0 deficit put the Jets on their heels, and with just seconds left in the first period, Cold Creek took a 2-0 lead stealing the puck in the high slot and putting a screaming wrister in the top blocker corner. The second period proved to be the equalizer as the Jets capitalized on their chances against the Comets and tied the game at 2-2 with snipes from Kelsey Maracle and Danielle Sunstrum. Maracle had a beauty turn-around slapper off a Cold Creek turn-over and a minute later, Sunstrum's quick snap shot from the slot eluded the Comet tender. The Jets battled the remainder of the game but could not break the tie, stealing a point in their bid to maintain first spot in their East loop of the midget B LLFHL division. The Jets host the Ennismore Eagles Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. in Bancroft and then are in Orillia the weekend of Jan 8 to 10 to participate in the Orillia Hawks Tourney to sharpen their game as they push into their fast arriving play-off schedules. The Jets will host Ennismore again on Saturday, Jan. 16 in Haliburton at 5 p.m. in their last home game of the regular season. Their last three regular season games will be on the road where they will travel to Peterborough on Sunday, Jan. 17, Keene on Thursday, Jan 21 and then wrap-up their regular season against the Peterborough Ice Kats on Saturday, Jan. 23. Good luck Jets!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

## Peewee A Storm challenges Muskoka

A visit to the Muskoka rock was just

what the hockey gods had in mind for the JoAnne Shapley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team. A team desperate for a win, having only two in their last seven, including a tie. A team looking to set a tone and create some good habits as they look forward to a much deserved spot in the International Silver Stick Tournament finals this weekend, held in Forest, Ont. Joe Boice had a hat-trick and four assists, Alex Little had a hat-trick as well, adding an assist. Tyson Clements and Nick Phippen both had nice games adding three helpers each. Darian Maddock again let in only one goal, as he has kept the opponents to two goals or less in 32 of 43 games this season, nine of those being shutouts.

Although the leaders of this team show it profoundly with a ton of scoring clout, unflappable defence, and great goaltending, it's this team as a whole and the sum of its parts, which makes the engine run soundly and at a high voltage. They would not have enjoyed the success they have this season, had they relied on just a couple players to carry the majority of the load. The past game being prime example of that, as the entire team had real-estate on the score sheet; Ty Mills, Aiden Neave, Jake Sisson, Aaron Bellefleur, Hunter Winder, Cole Prentice, Colin Glecoff, Dylan Keefer, Brenden Newhook all contribute drastically spreading out the attack in the process, and being a tough team to defend against.

Good luck this weekend boys.

## Midget A struggle with Otters

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team travelled to Huntsville for a Saturday and Sunday away series against the Huntsville Otters Dec. 2 and 3. As the first game opened it appeared the Storm had perhaps indulged in a little too much turkey over the holidays from "Dollo's Foodland" as they were on their heels and quickly ran afoul (or is that a-fowl) of the rules and found themselves down 2-0 on power play tallies in the first. The second did not fare much better as the Otters outscored the Storm 3-1 with the lone local

tally by Jaden Wood to finish the second 5-1. The third continued along the same path with the team's parents watching in despair, gritting their teeth (which could be repaired by "Smolen's Dentistry" if need be) at the eventual 8-1 outcome.

The following afternoon found a much more energized Storm squad hit the ice and the first period found both teams trading chances with the Storm's Owen Patterson-Smith scoring first, on the power play, but Huntsville tied it before the period ended. In the second the intensity ratcheted up with the Otters pulling ahead on a power play but our own Jaydon Wood found the back of the net to tie it, but alas the hosts tallied one more for a 3-2 lead into the third. As the third started Jacob Haedicke backhanded a shot past the Otters netminder to even the count but the Otters responded to again pull ahead. The third expires in a penalty filled affair with the visitors unable to find the equalizing score and it finishes 4-3 in a much more competitive contest.

The Midgets play a rare Tuesday game this week in Minden at 8 p.m., then are off to Parry Sound this weekend for the final tournament before playoffs.

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

## Novice's amazing eight wins the game

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Port Carling Muskoka Rocks for a double header at the A.J LaRue arena. The first game the Highland Storm played one of their best games of the season. The first two periods the Storm and Rock battled, going into the third 2-1. However in the third period the Storm scored an amazing eight goals beating the Muskoka Rocks 10-2.

The second game the Highland Storm fought for the first two periods but let five goals in during the third period. Losing 5-0 to the Muskoka Rock. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm journey to Port Carling to play the Muskoka Rock on Jan. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

# Razzamataz opens with Alice in Wonderland

The first Razzamataz Kids' Shows of the new year is family favourite: *Alice in Wonderland*. But this isn't your typical rendition of the classic story of a girl in a different world.

It's part dance, part theatre, part triathlon. "It's extremely energetic, a lot of physicality, a lot of throwing and running and dancing," says co-writer/co-director James Croker of Motus O Dance Theatre. "It's all the same characters but leans more towards the original book by Lewis Carroll. The take we took is that Alice enters into the world and is trying to make sense of a world that just doesn't make sense. It's frustrating for her but a lot of fun for us." Croker plays the Mad Hatter, Rabbit and Tweedledum.

*Alice* is the second show that Motus O Dance Theatre created back in 1992. The production toured for almost 10 years before being shelved. It was only brought back a few years ago and will be in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says there is something in *Alice* for the whole family. "The kids all laugh because it's got quite a bit of buffoonery in it, [they] love that type of interaction but we also do social or political commentary for the adults. Also we use a number of Queen songs in it as well as a lot of modern and classical music. The way we approach theatre and dance is we write the shows for the child in every adult and the adult in every child." Croker says he feels many children's shows are pandered down for the kids when they shouldn't be. "Kids deal with pretty much everything that we deal with as adults, so we really want to encourage them to approach theatre as a

sense as you can understand this and you have a voice in there. If we can activate the audience's imagination then we have won because their imagination is far more powerful than anything we can bring to the stage."

Don't think that this is also a play where you just sit back, relax and enjoy what's on stage. There is plenty of chances for you to be part of the performance as well. Croker is holding a dance residency for all aspiring dancers Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says dancers of all ages will be auditioned to be in the show. "There are five scenes that they partake in – one is where Alice is looking for the white rabbit's gloves, another is the caterpillar scene and a whole scene where they are part of the croquet game with the Queen."

The residency is \$30 which includes the price of your show ticket. Contact Dawn Hurd at 705-854-0728 or email dawnmole\_393@hotmail.com to register.

Croker adds that live performances can be very powerful and being a part of the show deepens the experience, "It's real people doing real things in real time. As wonderful as movies and TV are, they pre-focus you – they tell you where to look and tell you how to interpret the scene, but in real theatre you can be looking pretty much anywhere you want. The power of real theatre is that there can be many, many interpretations and experiences plus there is nothing quite like real people in real time doing real things. It immediately engages your imagination."

Tickets to *Alice in Wonderland* are available at the door – \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids and those under two are free.

Tickets are also available online at [www.razzamataz.ca](http://www.razzamataz.ca).

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Submitted by Carolyn Allder





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Silent thoughts of times together  
Hold memories  
That will last forever"

*Love Always*  
*Betty & Family*

## 640 IN MEMORIAM

*Our thoughts go wandering,  
When daylight fades.  
To the land of long ago.  
And memory paints the scenes of old,  
In the gold of the twilight glow.  
We seem to see in the soft dim light,  
The faces we loved the best,  
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### *In Loving Memory of* **Marvella Louise Smith**

*Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, with her family by her side. At the age of 71.*

Beloved wife of Brian Smith. Loving mother of Stephen (Laura), Brad, Bryan (Jolanta), Andrew, predeceased by her son Raymond. Loving grandma of Ashton, Joshua, James, Abigail, Julia and Megan. Loving step-mother of Leeland (Cathy), Nicole, Christopher and families. Dear sister of Gordon (Yvonne), Patricia (Cleary), Dorothy-Lane (Donald), and sister-in-law of Lois, Lorrie (Carl), and Marilyn (deceased) (Wallace). Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 7-9 pm and on Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Marvella's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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### *In memory of* **Steven Gregory Kurtz** RNC, BFA

Dec 29, 1967 - Jan 3, 2014

We who love you, sadly miss you.  
As it dawns another year,  
In our lonely hours of thinking,  
Thoughts of you are ever near.  
"Forever Missed"

Patrick, Collin, Dan, Lisa,  
Valerie, Miles, Gail, Gordon



**ROWE, Kimberley "Kim" (née Smith)** – Our Angel has now received her wings. Although we are heartbroken, we can find comfort in knowing she is at peace. At home and surrounded by her loved ones, Kim Rowe, of London and formerly of Whitby, on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at the age of 53. Beloved wife of the late Gregory Rowe. Incredible mom to Hayley (Dan Fisico), Emily (Fraser St. Amand) and Alexandra. Dear daughter of Bertram and Gwen Smith; daughter-in-law of Frances and the late Eddie Rowe. Caring sister of Tyke (Jean) Smith and Konnie Van Deburgt. Also greatly missed by nine nieces and nephews, as well as her sisters- and brothers-in-law. Kim was a long-time employee of Fanshawe College's International Department. She had a passion to live life to the fullest, and she positively affected each life she touched. Kim was an extraordinary mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend. She truly was a Gift from God, as she would brighten every room she entered, with her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. A memorial visitation was held at **WESTVIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 709 Wonderland Road North, London, on Tuesday, December 22, 2015. It was Kim's wish to not have a traditional Funeral Mass, however, the daughters will be hosting a Celebration of Life in the spring. Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Kim are asked to consider Ovarian Cancer Canada or Operation Smile. For online condolences please visit [www.westviewfuneralchapel.com](http://www.westviewfuneralchapel.com)

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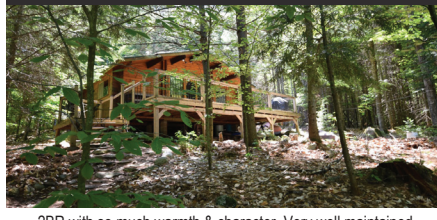
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